

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:  U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., n/k/a QWEST CORPORATION, AND NEW EDGE NETWORKS, INC., d/b/a NEW EDGE NETWORKS	DOCKET NO. NIA-99-25
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**ORDER APPROVING AMENDMENT NOS. 1, 2, 3, and 4 TO NEGOTIATED  
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT**

(Issued January 9, 2001)

On December 1, 2000, U S WEST Communications, Inc., n/k/a Qwest Corporation, and New Edge Networks, Inc., d/b/a New Edge Networks, filed first, second, third, and fourth amendments to their negotiated interconnection agreement. The first amendment deletes the section establishing standards for collocation and replaces it with a new section and adds new sections regarding the denial of space for collocation, cross connects, shared space cage physical collocation, rate elements, ordering for shared space caged physical collocation, and adjacent space collocation.

The second amendment replaces the interim line sharing agreement with new terms, conditions, and rates. The third amendment adds terms, conditions, and rates for IDSL and DS3 capable loops. The fourth amendment reduces the interval for collocation augments to 30 days, subject to certain terms and conditions.

The Utilities Board (Board), on December 16, 1999, approved the initial negotiated interconnection agreement.

The Board, on December 12, 2000, issued an order allowing the parties to the agreement and any other interested party to submit written comments supporting approval or rejection of the amendment within 30 days of the filing pursuant to 199 IAC 38.7(4). No comments were filed. Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(2)(A), the Board may reject a negotiated interconnection agreement if it finds either (1) the agreement discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement, or (2) the implementation of the agreement is not consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity. Based upon the record made in this docket, the filed agreement does not discriminate against another carrier and is not inconsistent with the public interest and will be approved.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

Amendment Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4 to the negotiated interconnection agreement as filed on December 1, 2000, by U S WEST Communications, Inc., n/k/a Qwest Corporation, and New Edge Networks, Inc., d/b/a New Edge Networks, is approved to be effective upon the issuance of this order.

**UTILITIES BOARD**

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper  
Acting Executive Secretary

/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2001.